

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 792

June 4, 2013

Subject **OUT OF STATE MEDI-CAL COVERAGE FOR INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) FOR AID CODE 40**

Effective Upon Receipt

Reference All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 12-12

Purpose To inform staff of the potential full-scope out-of-state Medi-Cal coverage (including dental services) for California children who are in the care and custody of a county welfare agency or probation department via court dependency order or ward certified residential facility (group home) under the ICPC.

Background In California, the placement of children in another state is based on a determination that the child's needs could not be met in California and that the needs of the child would be best served or met if the child is placed in another state.

Children placed out of state in certified residential facilities (group homes) who are in receipt of Title IV-E are generally automatically eligible for Medicaid in the State of placement in accordance with federal requirements. Federal law permits but does not require states to provide Medicaid coverage for children who receive state only (non Title IV-E) foster care benefits from another state. Therefore, children under aid code 40 (non Title IV-E funded AFDC-FC) who are under the care and custody of the county and placed out of state, are not automatically eligible for Medicaid in another state.

Highlighted Changes The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made a decision to extend full-scope out-of-state Medi-Cal coverage to children under aid code 40.

NOTE: This does not apply to children who receive federal Title IV-E benefits, these children should be covered under the Medicaid program of the state where they are placed.

Required Action To continue to provide Medi-Cal benefits to children when they are placed in an out-of-state residential facility (group home), staff must update CalWIN with the out-of-state address. The address update in CalWIN will trigger code "99" in the residence field in MEDS.

Automation Impact No Impact

Forms Impact No Impact

ACCESS Impact No Impact

Imaging Impact No Impact

PA (CalFresh or CalWORKs) Program Impact No Impact

Quality Control (QC) Impact Effective with the July 2013 review month. QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

Summary of Changes The table below shows the changes made in the MPG cites.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 5, Section 11	Included MEDS entries.

Approval for Release

Paul White, Dep. Director 6-12-13

05.11.02 Aid Codes

**E.
Non-Federally
Eligible
AFDC-FC**

The following aid codes will be used for FC children who are non-federally eligible to AFDC-FC:

Aid Code	Description
40	Used for non-federally eligible children placed in FC by California.
43	Covers NMDs, age 18 but under age 21, under AB 12 on whose behalf state-only AFDC-FC financial assistance is provided for foster care placement. NOTE: These youth must meet the eligibility requirements of the FFCC program.

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NOTE: Aid code 40 includes children who are under the care and custody of the county and placed out of state. To continue to provide Medi-Cal benefits to children when they are placed in an out-of-state residential facility (group home), staff must update CalWIN with the out-of-state address. The address update in CalWIN will trigger code "99" in the residence field on MEDS.

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